

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Duvall's Citgo (PG: 82A-48)
7530 Crain Highway, SE
Prince George's County, Maryland

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This service station is located on a flat, paved lot on the southeast side of Crain Highway. Built around 1940, this vernacular service station is one story high and three bays wide, with a rectangular plan and an angled corner. The building has a stuccoed concrete block foundation and walls, and the flat roof is not visible. A large, flat canopy shelters the gas filling area. A three-bay deep car wash has been added to the rear of the building.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name Duvall's Citgo

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2. Location

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street & number 7530 Crain Highway, SE not for publication _____

city or town Upper Marlboro vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD

county Prince George's County code 33 zip code 20772

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
- ☐ public-local
- ☐ public-State
- ☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
- ☐ district
- ☐ site
- ☐ structure
- ☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Specialty Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE

Sub: Specialty Store

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Moderne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Stuccoed Concrete Block

Roof Flat: Not Visible

Walls Masonry: Stuccoed Concrete Block

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1940-1950

Significant Dates c. 1940

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 1.27 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at Crain Highway, SE is designated as Parcel 16, Grid F3 as indicated on Map 109.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 7530 Crain Highway, SE has historically been associated with Parcel 16 since its construction circa 1940.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization EHT Traceries, Inc. date July 8, 1999
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city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner

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name Duvall Service and Supply Inc.
street & number 7538 Crain Highway, SE telephone _____
city or town Upper Marlboro state MD zip code 20772

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EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade, the northwest elevation of the building, is three bays wide, and features a large multiple-panel fixed metal window on the right-hand side, which wraps around the angled west corner of the building. To the left of this door is a single-leaf panel-and-light wood door. On the left side of the elevation, are two pull-up panel-and-light wood garage doors.

The southwest elevation is three bays wide, in addition to the three-bay car wash enclosure. This elevation features, from left to right, the rest of the wrap-around fixed window from the façade, a small 1-light metal window, a single-leaf paneled wood door with a 3-light transom, and a pull-up paneled wood garage door. The self-service car wash is supported by concrete block walls which divide the space into three open, drive-through bays. The rear, or southeast, elevation contains only an exterior metal flue pipe. The northeast elevation contains a single-leaf door and a multiple-light window.

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Automobiles and the expanding road and highway systems contributed to widespread suburbanization well beyond rail corridors during the Modern Period. As development and population density increased in Prince George's County, new road networks were erected to ease the movement of goods and people. The extension of Crain Highway to the Potomac and the completion of the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge spanning the Potomac River bridge near Pope's Creek in 1940 served to link Charles and Prince George's Counties with transportation networks from Florida to New York.

Prevalent between 1930 and 1955, the Streamlined Moderne style demonstrated a direct aesthetic transfer, or borrowing, of a design technique known as streamlining from automobiles and other transportation machines to the roadside buildings that served these machines. Auto part outlets, service stations, car dealerships, and tire stores were among the roadside buildings created to serve the automobile, and the streamlining of these buildings advertised their automobile-oriented function. ❖ Speed lines❖ - horizontal bands of thin parallel lines - added to the illusion of movement by accentuating the streamlined contours of the building. These lines, together with swooping, aerodynamic forms, and sleek veneers symbolized modernity, progress, and efficiency. Automobiles and the buildings that were associated with them shared a dynamic, flowing aesthetic of slick skin surfaces, rounded corners, and a sensation of movement. This was achieved not only by similar design aesthetics, but by similar materials. Automobiles and auto-oriented buildings used the same industrial materials of steel, glass, and chrome tubing - hard, shiny, slick surfaces that were novel and modern.

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National Register Evaluation:

The service station at 7530 Crain Highway, SE is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: *[Signature]* ✓ Date: 11/1/95

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning
Economic

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Parcel 1

June 1929: Alexander Moore et ux to Alexander Mareen Moore
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 333 Folio 427

December 21, 1940: Alexander Mareen Moore and Nellie King Moore to
Philip C. Duvall and Kathryn W. Duvall
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 891 Folio 401

Parcel 2

December 4, 1839: Philip T. Bevy to Alfred M. Bevy
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber AB 12 Folio 358

1909: Alfred M. Bevy bequeaths to Henrietta Bevy
Gaither, daughter

Henrietta Bevy Gaither bequeaths to Charles D.
Gaither, husband

September 24, 1940: Charles D. Gaither and Marie Townson Gaither to
Henrietta Gaither Mathison, daughter
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 595 Folio 279

June 18, 1941: Henrietta Gaither Mathison and Albert Victor
Matheson, husband to Rhoda Christmas Bowling
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 621 Folio 24

January 18, 1947: John D. Bowling and Rhoda Christmas Bowling to
Philip C. Duvall and Kathryn W. Duvall
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 895 Folio 126

December 9, 1964: Philip C. Duvall and Kathryn W. Duvall to James
J. Lombardi
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 3078 Folio 391

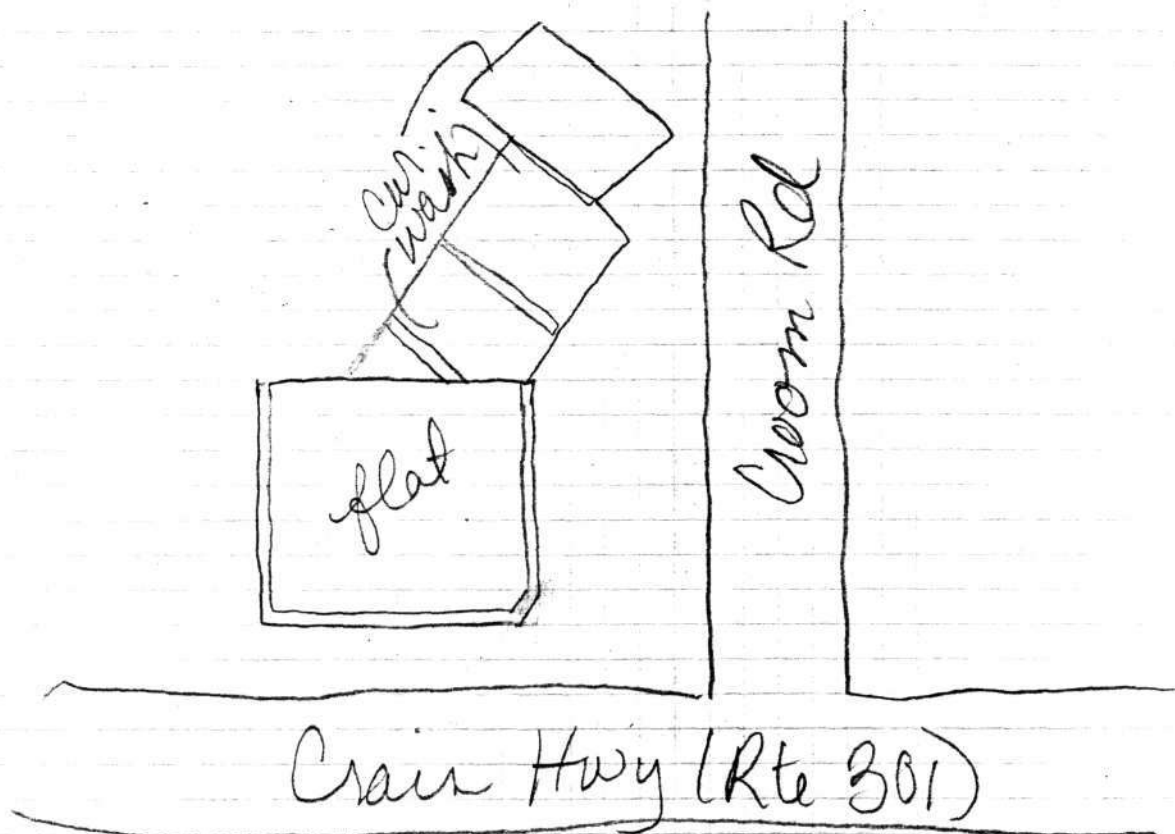
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- December 9, 1964: James J. Lombardi, trustee to Philip C. Duvall
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 3078 Folio 394
- November 13, 1990: Philip C. Duvall to Philip C. Duvall and
Kathryn W. Duvall
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 7812 Folio 833
- September 23, 1991: Kathryn W. Duvall, surviving tenant by entirety
to Kathryn W. Duvall, widow
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 8073 Folio 151
- August 29, 1994: Kathryn W. Duvall to Duvall Service and Supply,
Inc.
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 9798 Folio 290

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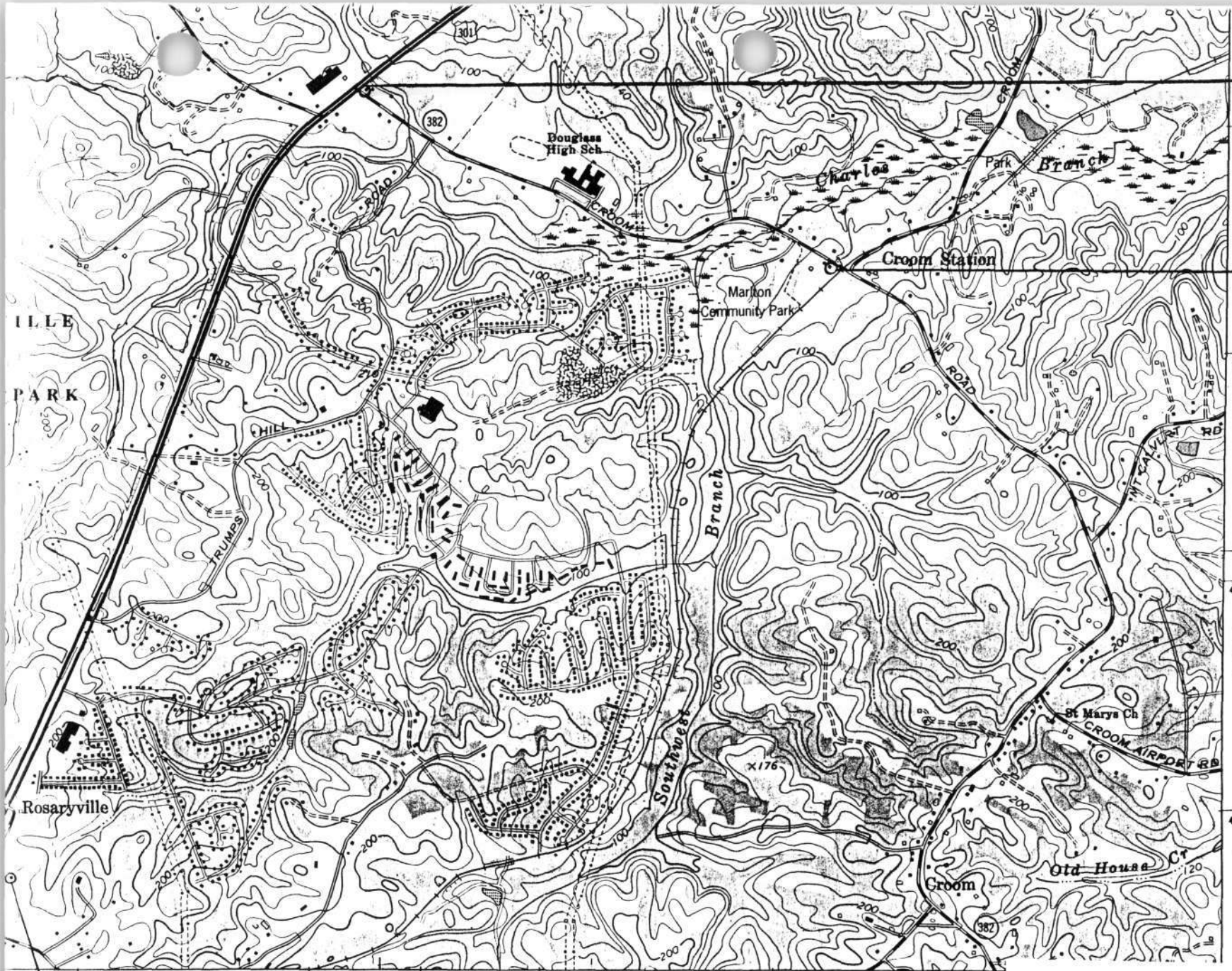
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Resource Sketch Map
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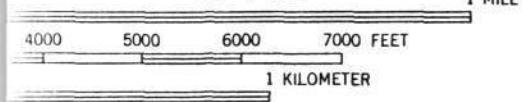
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SERVICE STATION,
7530 CRAIN HIGHWAY SE
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8069 CROOM ROAD
PG: 82A-49

9900 OLD INDIAN HEAD ROAD
PG: 82A-50



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Secondary highway, hard surface	—	Ur

Upper Marlboro USGS Quad

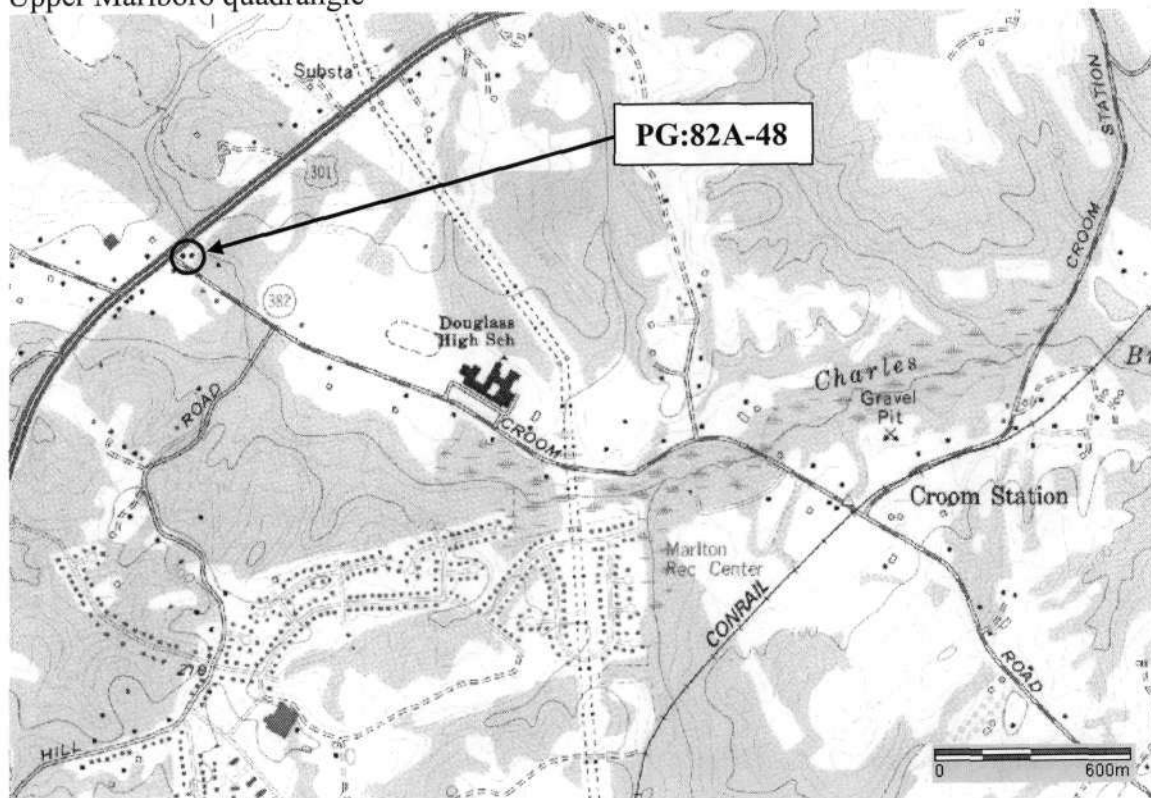


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Service Station

7530 Crain Highway SE (7606 Croom Road), Upper Marlboro

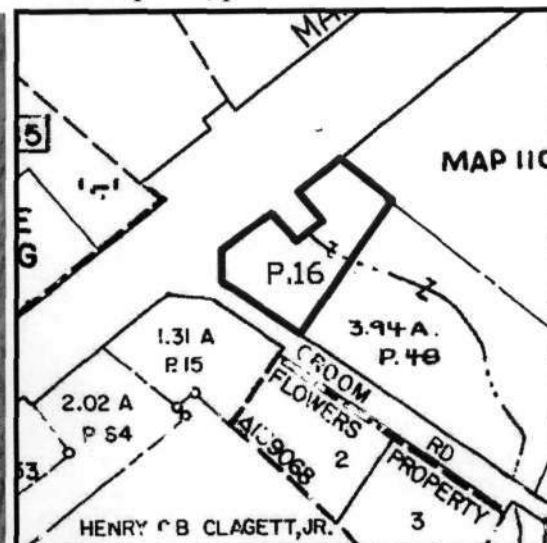
Upper Marlboro quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo



Tax Map 109, p. 16





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north corner

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7530 SE CRAIN HIGHWAY

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southwest elevation

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7530 SE CRATIN HIGHWAY

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MD SHPO

southeast elevation

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